MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Chickasahay Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 24, 25 and 26, '98.

OFFICERS:

R. A. VENABLE,.....MODERATOR,.....Meridian, Miss.
J. S. HARDEE,.....CLERK & TREAS.,.....Pachuta, Miss.

The next meeting will be held with Fairfield Baptist Church, which is about ten miles West or a little Southwest of Shubuta, Miss. Date of meeting is on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1899.

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PRINTERS AND STATIONERS,
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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association met in its Twenty-Third Annual Session with South Side Baptist Church at 10:20 a. m., Sept. 24, 1898.

Devotional exercises by Moderator.

On motion, the Moderator appointed C. F. Woods, R. M. Buckley and G. L. Donald as a committee on Credentials.

By consent, five minutes intermission was given, and the house came together to hear the Associational Sermon by J. A. Hackett, as previously announced. His text was part of the 23rd verse of 9th chapter of Mark "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Bro. Hackett spoke in an earnest, able manner of the strength and power of faith—talking about thirty minutes.

On motion, adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Moderator. House came to order at 2:30.

Report of committee on Credentials was called for, read and approved.

The churches were represented as below stated:

Barnett—By letter.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Buckatunna—J. W. Wilkins, Joe Davis.

Clear Creek—Not represented.

Chicora—W. I. McClain, A. Fail.

Concord—D. C. Robinson.

DeSoto—By letter.

Enterprise—R. M. Buckley.

Fairfield—A. G. Lowrey, H. H. Webb and J. A. W. Lowrey.

Fairmount—By letter.

Forty-First Avenue—L. A. Duncan, A. J. Gressett, E. D. Roberts.

Fifteenth Avenue—J. H. Campbell, W. C. Brookshire, A. Gressett, J. B. Wallthall, J. A. Hackett, W. J. David.

Harmony—Not represented.

Hepzibah—F. M. Neely.

Highland—E. B. McRaven, L. M. Stone.

Lauderdale—Not represented.

Meridian—R. A. Venable, R. H. Whitfield, J. N. Melton, C. C. Williams, W. S. Culpepper, C. F. Woods, F. C. McGee.

Mt. Zion—R. E. Busby.

Mt. Gilead—J. M. Ross, T. D. Pigford.

Narkeeta—Not represented.

New Hope—By letter.

Oak Grove—J. Sumrall, M. C. Pugh.

Pleasant Grove—J. C. McDonald, Lee Craft.

Pachuta—J. S. Hardee.

Poplar Springs—R. F. Garten.

Quitman—G. L. Donald, Sr.

Waynesboro (or Salem)—By letter.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton.

Seventh Avenue—J. B. Fuller, R. A. Breckenridge.

Stonewall—F. M. Davis.

South Side—C. C. Dunn, Geo. Farr, W. S. Rogers.

State Line—W. L. Etheridge.

Vossburg—Not represented.

J. S. Hardee was seated as delegate from Pachuta by vote.

The body went into the election of officers by ballot, which resulted as follows: R. A. Venable, Moderator; J. S. Hardee, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator immediately upon taking the chair, appointed the committee on Devotional Exercises as follows: L. A. Duncan, C. C. Dunn, W. S. Rogers.

Corresponding messengers were invited to take part with us. The following names were enrolled:

J. H. Richardson, of Sweet Water Association, Tenn.; Joshua McLemore and H. A. Pickard, of Bethlehem; J. R. Farish, of Lebanon Association; W. T. Lumbley, of Foreign Mission Board.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—W. J. David, W. S. Culpepper, C. C. Dunn, W. T. Lumbley.

Education—L. M. Stone, R. M. Buckley, H. H. Webb.

Sunday Schools—C. F. Woods, T. D. Pigford, J. A. W. Lowrey.

Publications—J. R. Farish, R. H. Whitfield, R. D. Williams.

State and Home Missions—A. G. Lowrey, W. L. Etheridge, J. M. Ross.

Ministerial Education—J. A. Hackett, G. L. Donald, J. B. Wallthall.

Orphanage—W. S. Culpepper, R. F. Garten, Joseph Davis, E. D. Roberts.

Finance—C. C. Williams, Geo. E. Farr, H. T. McClain.

Nominations—J. N. Melton, J. Sumrall, A. Fail, J. A. McDonald, R. D. Williams.

Digest of Church Letters—C. F. Woods, R. M. Buckley, G. L. Donald, Sr.

Temperance—W. H. Patton, R. A. Breckenridge, F. C. McGee.

Colportage—W. S. Culpepper, T. G. Semmes, F. M. Neely, D. C. Robinson.

Sustentation—G. L. Donald, Sr., M. C. Pugh, J. B. Fuller, Lee Craft.

Woman's Work—C. C. Dunn, W. C. Brookshire, J. M. Wilkins, A. Gressett.

By motion of C. C. Dunn, the time of assembling was fixed as follows:

Saturday night meet at 7:30 p. m.; adjourn at 10 o'clock. Sunday, a. m., meet at 9; adjourn at 11. Meet at 2:30 p. m.; adjourn at 5:30. Sunday night meet at 7:30; adjourn at will. Monday meet at 9; adjourn at 12. Meet at 2:30; adjourn at 5:30.

By motion, the report on Foreign Missions was made a special subject for Saturday night at 7:30. 9:30 Sunday morning was set for the report of and discussion on Sunday School work. Educational report was to be heard at 2:30 p. m., and at 4 p. m. Report on State and Home Missions.

By motion, the report on Temperance was made a special order for 7:30 Sunday night.

Committee on Ministerial Education announced their readiness to report. Report was read by J. A.

Hackett, and after a hearty discussion same was adopted with the resolutions as they appear at the foot of the report.

Fourteen churches pledged themselves to immediately take up collection for Ministerial Education.

Adjourned until 7:30.

Night Session.

Body re-assembled at 7:30, and W. T. Lumbley read report on Foreign Missions.

Pending the discussion of the report, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $5.25.

R. A. Venable offered a resolution in connection with report on Foreign Missions, which was warmly discussed, and afterwards, with the report, was left over for further references.

On motion, adjourned till 9 a. m., Sunday.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises by W. S. Rogers.

The Moderator being absent, L. A. Duncan was elected Moderator, pro-tem.

9:30 being the special hour for report and discussion of Sunday School work, report was read by C. F. Woods, and after due consideration, was adopted.

C. C. Dunn offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That speeches on reports be limited to twenty minutes by the chairman of the committee submitting the report and to ten minutes by all others to the same report, unless by consent of the Association.

On motion, adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

W. S. Culpepper, as previously announced, preached to an attentive audience at 11 o'clock, using for the foundation of his discourse the 13th verse of the 49th chapter of Isaiah.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises by Moderator, pro-tem.

House came to order at 2:50 p. m.

L. M. Stone read report on Education. Bro. Stone showed some of the advantages to be gained by a

higher education. Time was extended him so that he might discuss the report more thoroughly.

By motion, time was allowed to W. S. Rogers so that he might tell of the workings of Mississippi College while on the educational work.

The report before the house was then adopted as read.

The report on State and Home Missions was read by A. G. Lowrey.

C. C. Dunn offered a substitute to the latter part of the report above refered to. The report was adopted by the house.

Adjourned till 7:30.

NIGHT SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Moderator, pro-tem.

House came to order at 7:10.

Report on Temperance being the special order of the hour, same was read by W. H. Patton, and after a lengthy discussion, was adopted as read.

By motion, the committee on Temperance was asked to furnish the Daily News and Herald with a copy of this report, and these papers be asked to publish the same.

By motion, adjourned till 9 a. m., Monday.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Moderator.

W. H. Patton re-read the report on Temperance and asked that he be allowed to make some slight changes in the report which was granted.

There being no business before the house, the report that was left over Saturday night, was again taken up.

By motion, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

W. S. Culpepper offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a subscription be taken for Ministerial Education, and that this Association recommend to the favorable consideration of the Board of Ministerial Education our Bro. H. H. Webb as a beneficiary.

The delegates present from the churches announced their willingness to try to raise for the above purpose the amount opposite their churches, on their return home. Each church is earnestly solicited to send more than their delegates felt safe in saying they would try to raise. This is a great work, and should be well kept up.

Chicora	$5 00	DeSoto.....	$5 00
Enterprise, ...	5 00	Fairfield	5 00
Fifteenth Avenue	5 00	Forty-First Ave.	10 00
Hepzibah, ...	collection	Highland, ...	5 00
Meridian	25 00	Mt. Gilead	5 00
Pleasant Grove (trial)	5 00	Pachuta	5 00
Poplar Springs....	2 50	Quitman.....	5 00
Shubuta.....	5 00	7th Avenue.....	5 00
Stonewall, ...	collection	South Side.....	5 00

These amounts as soon as collected should be forwarded to President of Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., stating for what purpose it is to be used.

C. C. Dunn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of committees on reports be appointed by the Executive Committee to make reports at the next Association, and the announcement of chairman be named in time to have their names published in the minutes of this Association.

Report on Woman's work was read by C. C. Dunn, and continued till in the afternoon.

Adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

Evening Session.

Assembled at 2:30.

Devotional exercises by Moderator.

Report on Woman's Work was taken up, and after a number of speeches on same, report was adopted.

J. R. Farish read report on Publications, which was adopted by the body.

Report on Colportage was read by L. A. Duncan.

R. A. Venable offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Executive Board be instructed to ascertain just what is due our good Bro. L. A. Duncan,

as money advanced by him in our Colportage work of the past, and that the Board take steps to raise the amount from the churches at the earliest time possible.

Report on Colportage was adopted in connection with the resolution offered by R. A. Venable.

Report on Orphanage was read by W. S. Rogers and adopted as read.

G. L. Donald read report on Sustentation which was adopted as read.

The hour of adjournment was extended to hear the remainder of the business and to finish the work of the body.

W. H. Patton offered the following resolution, which is self explanatory:

Resolved 1st., That the Clerk be hereby instructed to have a sufficient number of minutes printed and distributed among the churches.

Resolved 2nd, That the clerk be allowed as compensation for his services twenty dollars.

Resolved 3rd, That our thanks being due, are hereby tendered this church for their generous hospitality so graciously bestowed on the delegates, messengers and visitors attending the Association.

Resolved 4th, That our thanks are hereby tendered to the South Side Methodist Church for the use of their house of worship for the benefit of the ladies.

Resolved 5th, That our thanks are tendered the city authorities for their services towards us in the moral enforcement of the Curfew law.

Financial report was read and adopted.

J. A. Hackett offered the following:

Whereas, evil in many forms is abroad in the land, and whereas some of its forms are so insiduous as to deceive many good people to the great injury of their material interest, health and influence; and whereas, among these evils, is the use of tobacco in any form; and, whereas, the Word of God urges us to abstain from all appearances of evil,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That we urge our ministers and people generally to use their utmost efforts to discourage and prevent its use.

On motion, Mrs. Edwin McMorries was appointed vice-president of Woman's Work.

Report on Nominations was read and after a spirited contest Fairfield was inserted instead of Buckatunna as the next place of meeting.

C. G. Elliot of Lebanon Association and J. M. Freemen and C. C. Vaughn of Bigbee Association were with us on Monday.

J. T. Flynn, (colored) of South Side (colored) Baptist Church was recognized by the body and made to feel at home.

Adjourned *sine die*.

R. A. VENABLE,
MODERATOR.

J. S. HARDEE,
CLERK AND TREASURER.

Brethren are requested to prepare reports on the subjects opposite their names and bring or send to the Association next September:

State and Home Missions.....G. W. Knight
Foreign Missions.....A. G. Lowrey
Education.....J. H. Richardson
Sustentation.....W. H. Patton
Temperence.....C. C. Dunn
Sunday Schools.....W. M. McAlister
Colportage.....J. A. Hackett
Woman's Work.....G. C. Johnson
Publications.....J. L. Buckley

Names of Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

Breckinridge, R. A.	Meridian, Miss.
Culpepper, W. S.	" "
David, W. J.	" "
Gressett, A.	" "
Hackett, J. A.	" "
Jones, A. I.	DeSoto, "
Lowrey, J. A. W.	Eucutta, "
Lowrey, A. G.	Meridian, "
Phillips, J. M.	Shubuta, "
Rogers, A. J.	" "
Ray, C. S.	Enterprise, "
Shamberger, R. H.	Gilead, "
Sumrell, R. W.	Shubuta, "
Steinwinder, J. R.	Meridian, "
Stone, L. M.	" "
Rogers, W. S.	" "
Mason, H. C.	Tokio, "
Venable, R. A.	Meridian, "
West, W. Z.	Shubuta, "

LICENTIATES.

Willie Chatam	Stonewall, Miss.
H. H. Webb	Eucutta, "
J. S. Catlett	Alamutcha "
F. M. Neely	Hale, "
Willie McKeever	Shubuta, "

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION:

DATE.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER	PREACHER.	Members
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W D Northrup	F C McGehee	M E Norris	W D Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O D Bowen	"	T C McGehee	T J Walne	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line	O D Bowen	"	J P Seabrook	O D Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W D Northrup	"	T C McGehee	W B Crumpton	717
1880 Sept. 3	Meridian	J W Bozeman	"	"	J M Phillips	634
1881 Sept. 2	Quitman	W D Northrup	"	"	J W Bozeman	581
1882 Sept. 22	Buckatunna	J M Phillips	"	"	W West	778
1883 Sept. 28	Enterprise	J W Bozeman	"	"	W H Carroll	932
1884 Sept. 26	Shubuta	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1013
1885 Sept. 25	Ellisville	"	"	"	L M Stone	1054
1886 Sept. 24	Quitman	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1339
1887 Sept. 23	Heidelberg	"	W M Conner	W M Conner	L E Hall	1502
1888 Sept. 21	Hattiesburg	S O Y Ray	"	"	T S Powell	1770
1889 Sept. 27	Waynesboro	J W Bozeman	"	"	J B Gambrell	2018
1890 Sept. 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J A Hackett	2350
1891 Sept. 25	Meridian	"	"	"	G W Knight	2316
1892 Sept. 22	Shubuta	"	O D Bowen	J P Meyer	J A Hackett	2426
1893 Sept. 21	Sandersville	"	"	J F Parker	A V Rowe	2435
1894 Sept. 20	Enterprise	"	"	J F Parker	C G Elliot	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L M Stone	J S Hardee	C F Woods	R A Venable	2336
1896 Oct. 1	Mt. Gilead	"	"	J S Hardee	W J David	2281
1897 Nov. 27	Quitman	"	"	"	R A Venable	2233
1898 Sept. 24	South Side Merid'n	R A Venable	"	"	J A Hackett	2500

REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1898.

Nov. 1897.		
To cash at Association	$93 08	
To cash on hand for 1896	1 25	
From churches after Ass'n adjourned	5 05	
		$99 38
Nov. 1897.		
By Check to A. V. Rowe	$54 88	
By Printing Minutes	21 00	
By Clerk's Fee	20 00	
By Stamps, Stationery, Etc	3 50	
		$99 38

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

Foreign Missions	$10 70
State Missions	11 35
Home Missions	3 85
Ministerial Education	2 00
Sustentation	1 00
Orphanage	12 40
Associational Purposes	52 40
By Collection at Association for Foreign Missions	5 25
Total	$98 95
By amount handed J. S. Hardee, Treasurer	$98 95

C. C. WILLIAMS,
GEO. E. FARR,
W. T. McLAIN.

PUBLICATIONS.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," the printing press is the hand that makes powerful the pen.

Every intelligent man recognizes the potency of publications. If there once was a time that intelligent

Christians did not appreciate the importance of publishing religious periodicals and good religious books, that time was in the long ago past.

The American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., is prepared to supply our people directly or indirectly with almost any publication in the shape of books and tracts that may be desired.

We have denominational papers in nearly all if not all the States of the great Union, and there is one publication worthy of and claiming the patronage of the Southern Baptist family which may be mentioned in this connection, viz: The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.

In our own State we will soon have the Baptist, the successor of the Baptist Record, that during the last twenty-two or three years has done a great and grand work for Mississippi Baptists. The Baptist promises to be a great paper and most worthy child of the Record. We therefore would urge all of the Baptist families within the bounds of this Association to subscribe for and read attentively and carefully this paper in order that they may keep posted on our State work. No list of periodicals in Baptist families in Mississippi should be considered complete without the Baptist. It is our paper and your committee would most heartily commend it to the very favorable consideration of our people. There is also published in Jackson the Orphan Gem, by Bro. L. S. Foster, this will give valuable information in reference to the Orphan's Home and the conduct of the same. We would highly commend this little monthly also. Above all publications, we would commend the work of God and would urge that we all read it more and more as the years of our lives go by.

We also most earnestly recommend the Conventional Series of Sunday-school papers, published at Nashville, Tenn. Above all we would suggest the importance of reading and studying the Bible the inspired word of God.

J. R. FARISH,
R. D. WILLIAMS,
R. H. WHITFIELD.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While the past year has, judging from the number of baptisms and other indications, been one of the most prosperous we have ever had, yet, as reported, at our State Convention, "Our hearts are pained and burdened because of the fields not occupied, and the people not reached by the gospel of our Lord." We would not rid our hearts of this burden of anxiety for the salvation of the lost, but rather that it be laid more fully on the hearts of the pastors and lay membership of our churches. How shall this be done? Our people fail in their duty to Foreign Missions largely because they are wanting in information. How shall this information be conveyed? "The pastors are God's appointed messengers to the churches." If the pastors are not fully alive on this subject they cannot arouse their people to co-operation in this great work. By reference to the State Convention Minutes it will be seen that the entire offering of the Chickasahay Association during the past conventional year was only $133.75. Is this giving "as the Lord has prospered us?" Again we ask how are our people to be aroused to this work? We urgently recommend,

1st. That the pastors be requested to make a more thorough and prayerful survey of Bible teaching on our duty to the cause of Foreign Missions.

2nd. That we urge our people to take and read the Foreign Mission Journal, and study the maps of our six Foreign Mission Fields recently published by our Board at Richmond, and also other such sources of information as are to be had.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. DAVID,
W. S. CULPEPPER,
C. C. DUNN,
W. T. LUMBLEY,

WOMAN'S WORK.

The value of Woman's Work may be seen by reference to some statistics.

The report of the Central Committee published in the minutes of the State Convention in 1898 on page 41 shows the organized Woman's Work within the

bounds of the Convention for the twelve preceding months contributed the aggregate sum of $5,436.70 to the following objects, to-wit: Home Uses $2,513.70; Home Missions $1,215.83; Foreign Missions $434.58; State Missions $261.99; Orphanage $542.67; Ministerial Education $114.30; Mississippi College $130.80; Sustentation $58.70; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary $30.00; General Fund $48.50; Jackson Church $1.25; Sunday School Board Bible Fund $3.68.

These figures demonstrate that woman is the "helpmeet" of man in religious, as well as in social life, and while the statistics make a very creditable showing, they do not, by any means, represent the entire financial aid to our denominational interest by our noble Christian womanhood. There being a goodly number of Ladies' Aid Societies, and other similar organizations which render material and substantional assistance to local churches and interest that is not reported by the Central Committee (this being the case on account of the want of proper organization in many places,) We quote approvingly from the report submitted to this Association in 1897 the following: "To measure Woman's Work by dollars and cents only, would be unjust. If we could but sum up the number of bodies fed, clothed and warmed, and the number of souls led to Christ from the "slums of sin and death" and add these to the dollars and cents we might get a just conception of Woman's Work."

We would not tolerate women preaching, nor encourage public speaking to mixed assemblies; but on the other hand, we appreciate the efficiency of woman in the work of soul-saving and burden-bearing in the cause of Christ. Her gentle, affable disposition peculiary fits her for religious duty and service and we bid them "God-speed" in their noble Christian efforts to assist their brethren in teaching by their daily conversation and deeds of love, the gospel of salvation to their neighbors as also in sending the "good tidings of great joy" to foreign lands and people who are yet in spiritual darkness.

We renew the recommendation that Ladies' Aid Societies be organized in every church where they are not, and the encouragement of those now in existence.

We further recommend the re-appointment of a lady Vice-President of this Association to confer with the President of the Central Committee and that the secretary of each society to make quarterly reports to the Vice-President for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. DUNN,
W. C. BROOKSHIRE,
J. M. WILKINS,
A. GRESSETT,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education formerly was considered to mean the training or developing of the mental faculties in schools and colleges, having but little thought of the morals or character of the student. Now it implies the cultivation of the higher moral or spiritual sensibilities along with the intellectual faculties of the student. That education, no matter where had, whatever school, college or university, which does not embrace the moral as truly as the mental life is not such as we can approve or give our children. It behooves us as Baptists in faithful discharge of parental obligations to see that our sons and daughters are educated only in such schools as where the Bible is taught and religious training is real as an essential part of the work of the school. It is also imperative upon us as Baptists, who believe we hold the faith once committed to the saints, to send our sons and daughters to our own colleges, where they will be exposed to no denominational influences that will wreck their faith and lead them from us. We urge our brethren to look well to this important interest of their children and our Master's cause.

We are glad to note the increased and wide spread interest felt and taken on the part of parents in the education of their sons and daughters. New conditions in the South strongly demand this general awakening on the question of the higher education of the youth of the land. Yet with many we fear there is lacking that appreciation of the value as well as the need of education from a social standpoint that the state of things as now exists require. We consider that the

welfare of our church, its prosperity and influence is more or less involved in the successful maintainence of our schools and colleges, which is done by giving to them our prayers, co-operation and patronage.

As the only college or high school in all the eastern section of the State under Baptist control, Stone College for Young Ladies, located in our bounds, should be given the prayers, counsel, influence and support of our ministerial brethren most earnestly, and girls and young ladies from their fields of labor encouraged to attend it. Its past history, its high rating for scholarship, good management, religious tone, broad curriculum and excellent faculty make it deserving the patronage of our people throughout the land. The fact that it is individual property ought to be a reason for the more earnest help and co-operation from the denomination as the burden financially and otherwise falls all on one man. The recent reverses the president, L. M. Stone, has encountered, entailing great losses upon him, should stir the more kindly and sympathetic interest in behalf of the college in the hearts of the bretheren generally, and call them to rally unitedly to his support. The deserved co-operation and counsel cordially given to the president by the Baptists of this section would go far, to soon make Stone College one of the largest and most popular colleges in the South, an institution of great value and honor to our churches and the State. We would therefore recommend that the members of this Association take an active and earnest interest in the college, give it their counsel, prayers and all the students they can influence.

Our Mississippi College, at Clinton, we should do all we can to fill up with boys and young men, as it is equal to the best colleges in all the South. No opportunity should be neglected to speak for it and aid it as needed.

R. M. BUCKLEY,
H. H. WEBB,
L. M. STONE.

SUSTENTATION.

The importance of having a permanent fund for the maintainence of our Superanuated Ministers will not

be denied by any one. It is not only important but it is duty of all Baptists to assist in this work. Our Association in 1894 adopted a method for raising an endowment fund for this purpose, and appointed a special agent to look after this matter. That agent (Brother W. H. Hardy) made a report in 1895, of his work, and resigned. Bro. C. F. Woods was appointed Treasurer of the fund raised by Bro. Hardy, and in 1897 made report to this body. Said report shows the entire fund to be $186.41; represented by outstanding notes, $126.00; amount invested $51.00, and cash $9.00.

Your committee is cognizant of nothing else having been done in this matter. It appears from what has been done in this matter that our people are careless or indifferent about it. This should not be so, and your committee recommend that our churches take hold of this important work with the determination to make it a success.

G. L. DONALD, Sr.,
M. C. PUGH,
J. R. FULLER,
LEE CRAFT.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

All of our work this Conventional year has been done under difficulties; but perhaps no department of our work has suffered more than that of State Missions. The epidemic not only made it difficult to collect funds, but its appearance at some of our stations, and its proximity to others greatly hindered the work at a time when it needed vigorous prosecution. Yet in spite of discouragement there has been much done and we have great cause for thanksgiving to God.

During the year there have been eighty-eight missionaries in the employment of the State Board. A brief summary of their work is as follows:

Number of Stations	131
Sermons preached	4,280
Families visited	4,750
Number baptized	426
" " where Missionaries labored	520
Received by letter	446
" " restoration	65

Churches organized	7
Sunday schools organized	36
Collected for Missions	$1,100
Houses of worship begun	17
" " " finished	4
Amount expended for houses of worship	$8,000

We would urge that the request of our board, through its Secretary for enlarged contributions, be earnestly heeded by all the pastors and churches. There is much for us to do. We must hold the strategic point already occupied by the missionaries, and be ready also to take and hold other important points. There are fields to be occupied in every section of the State; but we would call special attention to the two great mission sections, the Delta and Coast country. The work in both sections will be necessarily slow, but the time will come if we are faithful to our trust.

We hereby express our appreciation for the assistance rendered by the State Board to the South Side and Stonewall churches; and in view of the importance and condition of the work, we urgently request the Board to continue its assistance to these points. The population of the localities of these churches being more or less transitory in character renders the approach to a condition of permanent self-support very slow at these points, but there having been substantial progress made during these years of assistance by the Board, we believe a few more years of substantail progress there will develop these places into useful self-supporting churches.

We also commend to the favorable consideration of the Board the work at "Georgetown" or Seventh Avenue church, Meridian, this being a weak church financially and badly in need of outside help to enable them to reach the splended possibilities of this field.

A. G. LOWREY,
J. M. ROSS,
W. L. ETHERIDGE.

ORPHANAGE.

It is a sad fact that our people have been asleep to the great needs of an institution looking to the support of the motherless and fatherless children of our State.

How strange it is that we should have neglected so long the spirit of James 1: 27. But there seems to be an awakening along that line. Other denominations have their Orphanages and why not we? And why not it be controlled by Baptist influence?

We have such an institution located near the Capitol City, Jackson. This home was established four years ago and owns one hundred and twelve acres of land and has already helped 27 children. Other urgent applications have been made. 21 are now in the home. There is erected on the land one cottage with six rooms complete and another in course of erection. The Home has a printing office and publishes the Ophanage Gem, monthly, giving a full account of the needs and progress of the Home. The title of the property is held by the Trustees who desire that the Baptists shall take full possession of the Home. While this Home is not directly in the hands of the Baptists yet it looks to us for a temporal support.

We can make the children happy or miserable. They will be happy in proportion to our contributions to them. Let us contribute, not only of our means, but pray for the success of the Home.

We recommend that each church in our Association and each Sunday-school send up once a year, a contribution to help these dear unfortunates.

We recommend that each church in this Association appoint a committee to look after and aid such children in getting the necessary information as regards this Home.

W. S. ROGERS,
JOSEPH DAVIS,
R. F. GARTEN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

While there seems to be an increase in the number of Sunday schools within our bounds, it is to be feared that there has been a decrease in their efficiency. This is owing very largely to the want of regular and faithful teachers. Too few realize the responsibility of their position, and those that might engage in the work, and do not, are still more responsible. It is no excuse to plead that one is doing something else for the answer may

come: "This oughtest thou to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

On the other hand, the neglect of others is no excuse; for it is written: "Every man shall give account of himself unto God"—the obligation is to Him.

The question is often asked, "how shall we keep our boys in the Sunday-school." First, attend regularly ourselves; second, be prepared to teach something—not everything; third, stick to the class and give them suggestions to think about—instead of turning them loose to romp and gossip before dismission. A faithful teacher will make faithful scholars, and visits to scholars at their houses will ensure their attendance. This is especially true in regard to the girls. So it resolves itself at last into the fact that the great need of the day is sacrificing, enduring, hopeful teachers, consecrated to the work.

There are churches seemingly so afraid the members will do something, that they oppose every plan put forth for work. Such will necessarily die out after a while—the young people straying to some active fold, even if of another faith. No Sunday-school to teach the children, no indoctrinating at home, and regular services only once a month—is it a wonder that at nearly every Association we have the report: "No accessions, but the church is at peace." Of course it is, for Satan has found nothing there to fight. Every church ought to have a Sunday-school every Lord's Day.

It is a terrible fact that less than seventeen per cent. of the educable children in the State attend what is called evangelical Sunday-school. Think of it! Eighty-three per cent. idling about home, gathering at street corners, listening to vile yarns and profanity, in the woods hunting or fishing, if not hid in some den of iniquity. These are all being instructed in unrighteousness. Temptations are put before the youth and they learn to do evil and to hate restraint and law. Yet there are christians evidently asleep, while "the enemy is sowing tares among the wheat," instead of working, watching and waiting.

In view of all these facts your committee recommend the following resolutions, trusting that they may bring forth the "Acts of the Brethren:"

Resolved 1st. That our Ministering brethren urge upon the churches of which they are pastors or members, that have no Sunday-schools, to establish them and report their efficiency to the next meeting of this body.

Resolved 2nd. That we will endeavor to hold at least quarterly institutes in connection with our Fifth Sunday meetings: asking only for reasonable time so as to absorb other exercises.

Resolved 3rd. That we urge a return to the use of the Bible in our Sunday-schools and see that there is at least one in each family, and if possible induce every member that can read to secure one for themselves.

L. A. DUNCAN,
For Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The sentiment against the legalized liquor-traffic has grown in Mississippi until an open saloon is not tolerated in but twelve of the seventy-five counties in the State, and with the saloon has gone to a great extent the accompanying evils, profanity, gambling, and houses of ill-fame.

While we have one of the best local option laws of any State in the Union, yet it is too local, too optional and too hard to convict a violation of this law.

We should never cease our efforts until we have statutory or constitutional prohibition for the entire State. Intemperance finds its chief encouragement and strength in the sanction of the law in legalizing, protecting and receiving revenue from the traffic. We believe the temperance reform has now reached a stage where the liquor-traffic has its sufferance from Christian voters. We abhor revenue from the vices and miseries of the people, therefore we will not vote the saloon keeper's ticket, nor support the politician whose policy so far warps his principles as to secure the liquor vote.

We believe no man has a right to be neutral on this question, at this age and in this enlightened country.

We as Christians should take an uncompromising stand for prohibition, total abstinence and in the en-

forcing of all laws that tend to restrain and control this gigantic cursed evil from considerations of public safety, from moral considerations, from considerations of his fellow men in social life and from considerations of the blight and curse it brings into the community or city.

The rum trade makes men mad, and under the influence of rum men will assault their wives and children, commit theft, arson and murder. Prohibition is in accordance with the laws of self preservation, the first law of nature. It is right, because it is in unison with the high and holy enactments of God in the ten commandments. There we find no half way law, no license for the committing of sin, "Thou shalt not steal" is the language of the scriptures. He who receive money without returning an equivolent for the money he receives, steals.

Prohibition echoes the divine legislatson to the dealer in rum, "Thou shalt not steal," Thou shalt not make thy neighbor steal." "Thou shalt not kill" by selling that which does kill a hundred thousand victims a year. Prohibition is the translation of the sixth commandment into human law "Thou shalt not kill" not even for one or two thousand dollars a year.

We are opposed to any and every system of license, for the reason that it is a legal sanction of an iniquitous traffic and gives it the same recognition before the law as that of a just and honorable business.

A license to legalize the sale of intoxicants is to legalize drunkeness in the cities, towns and countries. The morals, happiness and life of the citizens ere ignored by rumsellers. To legally authorize the saloon keeper to make men drunk is to legally authorize him to prepare crimnals for prison. The Bible says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken." "Woe unto the world, because of the occasions of stumbling, for it must needs be that the occasions come, but woe to the man through whom the occasions cometh."

The man by his voice, pen, money or influence that would assist in causing one of these traps of hell to be opened would bring that woe upon his head. We know a tree by the fruit it bears. The saloon makes men intemperate, manufactures drunkards, lowers the

morals of his customers, destroys their bodies and damns their souls. Prohibition is God's way of dealing with sin, and any law licensing it is the enemy of God and man. We indict the legalized liquor traffic in the name of all people, in behalf of all trades and professions, in the name of literature, art and science of whom it has ever been a foe. We indict it in behalf of men frozen, men stabbed, men beaten with clubs, men stupefied and burned in fires, men crushed upon railways, men torn by machinery, man eaten to death by its fever, men crowning their life-long misery by suicide.

We indict it in the name of helpless griefs of penniless women and beggered children, of wives who have met a thousand deaths through blasted hopes, agonies of years, ceaseless mortifications.

We indict the legalized saloon in the name of religion and in the name of God, who says no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. We indict it as a public nuisance and a moral pestilence.

At an annual meeting of the Ohio Liquor League the presiding officer in his address before that body made use of the following language:

"It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be empty, as will be our coffers. Our children will go hungry or we must change our business to that of some other more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men have grown and their habits are formed they rarely if ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed. Above all things, create appetite!"

Since their presiding officer voices the statement of their policy, should not we as Christians inculcate in the minds of the rising generation to condemn the evils of intemperance, including the social glass and its demoralizing influences?

From the sacred desk, in the Sabbath-school, in the school-room, by the fireside, through the press and by the ballot box, until we have total abstinence for the individual, prohibition for the nation and also an enforcement of the laws on our statute books.

We recommend that the following protest be re-affirmed.

1st. Against that policy of our national government known as the Federal Tax of Intoxicating liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2nd. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal Privilege Tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

We also recommend that the following resolutions be re-affirmed:

1st. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whisky petitions, go on bonds of liquor sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian and should be brought under church discipline.

2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. H. PATTON,
For the Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We thoroughly believe that the preaching of the gospel by living men is the divinely ordained method of converting the world to Christ. An apostle has said, "it hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe;" and it becomes us rather to put emphasis upon this method than to take it off, or to attempt to place it elsewhere.

It is also a fact that the successful or most efficient preaching of the gospel proceeds from the proper preacher and the proper qualification of that preacher.

The truth is God has not left the very important matter of preaching His gospel to dying men, to haphazzard or chance, but He Himself calls and furnishes with the needed gifts those whom He wishes to be His ministers and ambassadors to earth's sinful and rebelious inhabitants.

But the intellectual furnishing and training and sending out of these preachers, He has committed to His churches. Brethren, here is our work and herein lies our responsibility. If it is the mission of the churches of God to convert the people of this world to Christ, then it is their duty to exert themselves to fully equip the ministry whom God gives to them for that purpose.

How best to do this, God seems to have left with his people, and doubtless expects them to use the methods that seem to them best suited to furnish the best results. Self, home and private culture may be as good as any, where it may be had, and when it can be made effective; but ordinarily, such education is spasmodic, fragmentary, furnishing but a meager mental training, and is a very unsatisfactory basis for a strong scholarship and wide usefulness. Our Baptist schools and seminaries have providentially come into the field, it would seem for this good work, and are now offering at a comparatively small cost most excellent facilities for the educational equipment of our rising ministers. Chief among these is our Mississippi College at Clinton, which has done much effcient work in the past, and which was never so well qualified as now for the kind of work our young preachers need. Then there is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., probably the best school of the kind on the continent, and thoroughly prepared to help our young preachers just as they most need it.

The Board of Ministerial Education, at Clinton, and brother Geo. Whitfield, the secretary, are the servants of the churches to safely guard their interest and those of our young preachers, as well in Mississippi College and will gladly co-operate with us in all we do for them.

Let our churches seek out those whom God has called into His ministry, urge them to go to Mississippi College, and then not be slothful in contributing of our

means to support in that great school, all who may need our help, and may God bless with abundant prosperity and the disposition, the liberal and cheerful giver.

Resolved, That the attention of our ministers and the faculty of Mississippi College be respectfully and earnestly called to the propriety of devising and establishing a course of education by correspondence for such preachers who have not or may not be able to secure a scholastic course in the school.

Resolved, further, That we most heartily commend to our ministers the schools for preachers that our Bro. R. A. Venable has been accustomed to hold since he has been with us, and would urge our preachers generally, to fail not to attend them for the invaluable good they may desire therefrom.

J. A. HACKETT,
G. L. DONALD,
J. B. WALTHALL.

COLPORTAGE.

But for the encouragement of Scripture, we despair of doing anything in the Colportage work. There is a quotation applicable to those who have the gift of "patient continuance." It is literally as follows: "Line upon line, line upon line: Precept upon precept; precept upon precept; here a little and there a little."

Why this repetition, unless to show that results may not be seen for many days?

The work is the very essence of the gospel. It is the go. It is the *teach*. It is to visit the household—to pray in the family and to implant there the printed word of God, and to learn religious truth. There are spare settlements where church houses can not be built and members of families that cannot attend public services except at their houses.

Several years ago a work was organized under the auspices of this Association, and some good was done. It appears that the cost thereof, so far as our body is concerned, was borne by the brother who had it in charge, without any relief. Possibly has hoped, but it is written, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

The Association's co-operation would claim full quota. Comment is unnecessary.

Attention is once more called to the destitution in the piney woods district between us and the gulf. Occasional preaching does not remove the fact of the destitution. In some places there is something worse than destitution. The people are not only without preaching, but without Bibles, having in lieu thereof the teachings of heresy and the circulation of unsound and impure literature.

Colportage is the remedy for these evils. It visits the people at their homes; encourages the mothers and instructs the children. Prayer meetings are held and Sunday Schools established. These agencies result in the constituting of churches and the sustaining of pastors. If some of the existing churches were visited, they might "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," and develop more in the "grace of giving."

W. S. CULPEPPER,
T. G. SIMS,
F. M. NEELY,
D. C. ROBINSON.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg to report as follows:

We recommend that Fairfield be the next place of meeting for this body, and that said meeting be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1899, at 10 a. m.

We recommend that W. S. Rogers, of Meridian, be appointed to preach the Associational Sermon, and that it be preached at 11 o'clock, a. m. on that day. As alternate, we recommend A. G. Lowrey, of Meridian, Miss.

Your committee recommend the appointment of W. S. Rogers as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention with L. A. Duncan as alternate.

We further recommend that the following members be appointed to attend to any business that may come up between the sessions of the body—said body is known as the Executive Committee:

W. J. David, chairman; C. C. Dunn, F. C. McGee, J. A. Hackett, E. B. McRaven, John L. Buckley, W. S. Patton, A. G. Lowrey, L. M. Stone.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth and the cultivation of friendly intercouse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first-class only have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and an additional delegate for each fifty thereafter, provided that ministers who are members of any such churches but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisary council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be consigned by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, or may be agreed upon; and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberate bodies, and Mill's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by a concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fouths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son anfl the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God chose his people, in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6th. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10th. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal right therein.

11th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12th. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13th. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed with prayer or benediction.

2nd. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3rd. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designature while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4th. It shall be in order for male delegates and messengers only to discuss questions or speak publicly in the sessions of the body, and only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5th. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses personal reflection.

6th. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7th. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8th. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9th. Members shall use the term, brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.

10th. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership	Sunday School Scholars	Officers and Teachers.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Mississippi College	Ministerial Education.	Sustentation.	Orphanage.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses	Miscellaneous.	Association Purposes	Total.
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Barnett	Barnett	W A Roper	P W Morrell		1		7				28															
Big Creek	Waynesboro	Not represented	Not represented (1895)								107										5 75		5 50		2 00	192 25
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	W J David	T J Johnson	8	11			4		2	81	40	7	175 00	4 00		1 60									57 60
Clear Creek	Shubuta	Not represented	Not represented (1895)								60	20	3	50 00												181 79
Chicora	Chicora	W S Culpepper	E B Hale	2	3			5	1		44			150 00			4 57				2 65	24 55				81 50
Concord	Shubuta	A J Rogers	Lee Robinson	4	3	2					63	20	3	75 00	1 00	1 50	1 50		1 00						1 50	109 11
DeSoto	DeSoto	A G Lowrey	Geo B Parker	1				2			60	50	6	80 00		1 50	4 00				5 00	5 50	7 60	3 50	2 00	109 11
Enterprise	Enterprise	J A Hackett	H R Ward	1	4			1	1		69	60	5	200 00	5 50	5 25	5 25	5 85				57 00	30 00		3 00	504 85
Fairfield	Eucutta	G W Knight	Wyatt Martin	5	5			2			105	40	5	120 00	7 15							5 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	154 15
Fairmount	Shubuta	W Z West	H A Chapman	9	2						72	40	8	40 00	50	50						4 85	5 00		1 25	52 10
Fifteenth Avenue	Meridian	G C Johnson	J B Walthall	2	12			14	2		231	105	12	619 62		2 00	21 42					207 29	40 88	75 50	2 35	991 56
Forty-first Avenue	Meridian	A G Lowrey	C E Roberts	8	10			16	4	16	117	180	13	300 00					50 00					45 00		478 00
Harmony	Irone	J L Williams	D R Red, Jr					6	1		45	50	7	60 00								300 00	5 00		1 25	366 25
Hepzibah	Shubuta	H A Pickard	A B Rogers	8	9			6	1	1	51	25	7	50 00					10 00				10 00	4 00	2 00	76 00
Highland	Meridian	None	E B McRaven								30	40	4													
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Mount Zion	Winchester	T E Tucker	C E Ogynne	2	8		1	8			93			100 00	5 80	2 10				5 00		45 00		11 40	2 00	171 30
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New Hope	Tokio	H M Mason	F M Gray	4	3			1			31	30	3	40 00	1 20										1 15	68 70
Oak Grove	Shubuta	H A Pickard	J Sumrall	7	13			5			59	49	6	60 00							1 55	5 00				
Pleasant Grove	Vossburg	W A Roper	J C McDonald	1			16	20	4		65	24	3	100 00	1 00	1 00	10 55		14 20			45 75	1 25	2 25	1 75	177 70
Pachuta	Pachuta	W S Culpepper	J W Rogers	2	17		1	4	1		93	35	5	120 00		2 00	4 40				9 50	93 00	4 40		3 75	235 55
Poplar Springs	Lucile	R A Venable	R F Garten					6			28						3 00		2 00	1 00					1 50	9 50
Quitman	Quitman	G W Knight	G L Donald		2			2			44	35	7	180 00								5 00			1 50	186 50
Salem or Waynesboro	Waynesboro	Not represented	Not represented (1895)								173	62										85 00			2 50	381 00
Shubuta	Shubuta	A J Rogers	J T Brown	4	6	1		4			67	65	8	250 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	11 00							2 75	2 75
Seventh Avenue	Meridian	J R Farish	J R Steinwinder	1	1		2	2			23	50	7										14 08		79	14 78
Stonewall	Stonewall	W J David	W E Barrow	4	22	2	2	11	3		168	136	12									58 46	11 59		2 00	464 95
South Side	Meridian	W S Rogers	W E Farr	4	13			6			71	60	6	360 00	22 95							25 00	24 00		2 00	257 00
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—HELD WITH—

FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 23, 24 and 25, 1899.

OFFICERS:

R. A. VENABLE,.....MODERATOR.....Meridian, Miss.

J. S. HARDEE,.....CLERK & TREAS.....Pachuta, Miss.

The next meeting will be held with Stonewall Baptist Church. Date of meeting is on Saturday before the fourth Lords day in September, 1900.

Sunday School Institute to convene on Thursday night before at 7:30 p. m.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association met in its Twenty-Fourth Annual Session with Fairfield Baptist Church at 10.50 a. m., Sept. 23, 1899.

Scripture reading and prayer by Moderator.

Moderator appointed L. A. Duncan, W. H. Patton, C. C. Dunn and J. M. Phillips as committee on Digest of Church Letters.

The churches were represented as below stated.

Barnett—Not represented.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Buckatunna—W. B. Hooks, T. J. Johnson.

Clear Creek—W. A. Reid.

Chicora—A L. Robinson, W. E. Fail and H. C. Mason.

Concord—A. G. Leggett and Jesse Carter.

DeSoto—A. I. Jones.

Enterprise—C. S. Ray, R. M. Buckley.

Fairmount—By letter.

Fairfield—J. A. W. Lowry, J. D. Martin.

Forty-First Avenue—L. A. Duncan, W. A. McCain, Herman Rhodes, and Misses Angie Lloyd and Mary Ida Winslett.

Fifteenth Avenue—J. B. Walthall, G. C. Johnson and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Harmony—A. J. Crane, D. W. Sinclair.

Hepzibah—Albert Rogers, J. B. Smiley.

Highland—Not represented.

Lauderdale—Not represented.

Meridian—J. A. Hackett, R. A. Venable.

Mt. Zion—J. S. Busby, H. T. Palmer.

Mt. Gilead—J. M. Ross, T. G. Pigford, E. Knight.

Narkeeta—Dissolved.

New Hope—F. M. Gray.

Oak Grove—J. M. Morris, R. W. Sumrall.

Pleasant Grove—J. D. McDonald, B. F. Holland,

Pachuta—J. L. Quinnelly.

Poplar Springs—By letter.

Quitman—J. L. Grundy, C. C. McNeal.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton, J. M. Beard. J. M. Phillips, A. J. Rogers.

Seventh Avenue—Not represented.

Stonewall—J. W. Tucker.

State Line—Not represented.

South Side—A. G. Lowry, C. C. Dunn.

Salem (at Waynesboro) R. T. Crawford, J. B. Saxon, W. B. Robinson, G. W. Knight.

J. S. Hardee was seated as delegate from Pachuta by vote.

The body then proceeded to the election of officers with the following results: R. A. Venable, Moderator, and J. S. Hardee, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed G. W. Knight, L. A. Duncan and deacons of Fairfield church a committee on Devotional Exercises.

The hour for the Associational Sermon having passed by before the organization of the body and as neither Brother Rogers or his alternate, Brother Lowry, were present it was recommended by the committee on Devotional Exercises that R. A. Venable preach at 3 p. m.

The Body passed the following:

Resolved, That we adjourn at 12:30 m.; re assemble at 2 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m., and meet at 9 a. m.

By motion, adjourned 'till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song by Choir. Prayer by W. A. McCain.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sustentation—W. H. Patton, W. E. Fail, R. W. Sumrall.

Publications—L. A. Duncan, C. C Dunn.

State and Home Missions—J. M. Phillips, H. C. Mason, J. L. Quinnelly.

Education—W. A. McCain, J. L. Grundy, T G. Pigford.

Woman's Work—G. C. Johnson, A. J. Rogers, B. F. Holland.

Temperance—C. C. Dunn, J. D. Martin, C. S. Ray.

Sunday Schools—L. A. Duncan, W. E. Fail, A. J. Crane.

Colportage—J. A. Hackett, J. B. Walthall, J. M. Bland.

Nominations—R. M. Buckley, L. A. Duncan, J. L. Grundy, A J. Crane, A. J. Rogers.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Grundy, R. T. Cawford, D. W. Sinclair, J. M. Morris.

Orphanage—W. H. Patton, W. B. Hooks, C. C McNeal, A. I. Jones, J. M. Ross.

Dr. Venable, expecting to preach at 3 o'clock, asked the body to allow C. C. Dunn to preside the remainder of the afternoon.

W. H. Patton read report on Sustentation, which was discussed and adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived business was suspended till same was over.

Brother Venable read 13 verses of the 3rd chapter of John, using for his theme the "New Birth."

After the sermon, an intermission of five minutes was given, then the body came together and proceeded to business.

The Moderator pro tem appointed W. H. Patton and R. M. Buckley committee on Finances.

By motion, 9 a. m. Sunday was made a special hour for hearing the report on Sunday-schools; 10 a. m. for Colportage and 11 a. m. for Missions.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., Sunday.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

Prayer by J. B. Walthall.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The following brethren were recognized from their respective bodies: W. A. Roper and W. J. Sauls of Lebanon Association, H. C Mason of Mobile Association, Mobile county, Ala.

C. C. Dunn offered the following as an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution to be voted on at next meeting of the Association.

Resolved, That the first two paragraphs in Article 3 of the Constitution be so amended as to read as follows: Members of the Association may be of three classes—delegates, pastors of churches holding membership in the Association and messengers.

By motion, the report on Temperance was set for 3 o'clock p. m. and report on Woman's Work at 2 p. m.

L. A. Duncan read report on Sunday-Schools.

The special order of the morning was suspended so as to hear the discussion on this and other reports.

After discussing report on Sunday-schools report was adopted.

State and Home Missions report was read by J. M. Phillips. Reports were adopted as read.

It then being 12:30, Association adjourned till 2. p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional Exercises by the Moderator.

Report on Woman's Work being the first thing before the house, same was read by G. C. Johnson, and after being discussed was adopted.

At this point a collection was taken for Rev. William West who was reported to this body as being in needy circumstances. Collection amounting to $10.10.

Report on Temperance was read by C. C. Dunn, and after discussion was adopted.

C. C. Dunn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That speeches on reports be limited to twenty minutes by the chairman of the committee submitting the report, and to ten minutes by all others to the same report, unless by consent of the Association.

By motion, adjourned till 9 a. m. Monday.

THIRD DAY—MORMING SESSION.

Minutes read and approved.

Reverends A. V. Rowe, of the State Board, and J. B. Searcy, of the Baptist, were gladly welcomed by the body.

J. A. Hackett read report on Colportage.

By motion time was extended to A. V. Rowe to further hear him on the report of Colportage.

After the discussion, above report was adopted.

Report on Education was read by W. A. McCain. Report was adopted as read.

W. H. Patton read report on Foreign Missions.

By motion the rules governing the length of speeches was suspended so as to allow A. V. Rowe to discuss the above report at length.

Foreign Mission report was adopted as read.

W. H. Patton asked that something be done to relieve the embarrassment of Bros. W. J. David and L. A. Duncan, who advanced moneys, books and supplies to Bros. Phillips and Ray, who have been working as colporteurs in the bounds of our Association under the auspices of the Executive Board.

The churches below mentioned signified their willingness to try to raise the amount opposite their names:

Buckatunna	$ 5 00	Mt. Zion	$ 2 50
Clear Creek		Mt. Gilead	5 00
Chicora	5 00	New Hope	2 00
Concord	2 50	Oak Grove	Collection
DeSoto		Pleasant Grove	Collection
Enterprise	3 00	Pachuta	$ 5 00
Fairfield	5 00	Poplar Springs	
Forty-first Avenue	10 00	Quitman	Collection
Fifteenth Avenue	5 00	Waynesboro	Collection ($5 00)
Harmony	5 00	Shubuta	$10 00
Hepsibah	2 00	Stonewall	5 00
Highland	5 00	South Side	Collection
Meridian First	Collection	State Line, Col't'n (B. F. Harris)	

By motion adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises by Moderator.

Report on Nominations was called for. Same was read by R. M. Buckley and after considerable discussion Stonewall was inserted as the next place of meeting and Buckatunna struck out. With this change the report was adopted as it appears elsewhere.

Report on Publications was read by L. A. Duncan and adopted by the Body as read.

W. H. Patton read report on Orphanage. The report was adopted with an amendment offered by C. C. Dunn.

G. C. Johnson offered the following:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be tendered the Fairfield church and community for the very hospitable and beautiful entertainment during her session.

J. A. Hackett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Association be instructed to endorse such Colporter as may be willing to furnish his stock without charge.

The below given resolutions were offered by L. A. Duncan:

Resolved, 1st., That the Clerk be hereby instructed to have a sufficient number of minutes printed and distributed among the churches.

Resolved, 2nd, That the clerk be allowed as compensation for his services twenty dollars.

Report on Digest of Church Letters was read by L. A. Duncan. Same was adopted by the Body.

W. H. Patton presented report on Finances which was approved.

C. S. Ray offered the following:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby instructed to look into the condition of the church and property at Vossburg, and that they take such steps as, in their judgment, may be necessary to preserve the property and church.

J. A. W. Lowry offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, this Association is composed of delegates from the different churches who can not attend to the business ot the churches by leaving this Association before adjournment, be it

Resolved, That this Body urgently recommend the different churches to send only men that will stay with the Association unless released by the Body for some just cause.

The clerk was excused by the body from reading Monday's minutes.

W. H. Patton offered the following:

Resolved, That this Association request the Executive Committee to arrange a Sunday-school Institute to convene on Thursday night at 7:30 p. m., before the fourth Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September with Stonewall church at Stonewall, Miss.

By motion, adjourned *sine die*.

Names of Ordained Ministers and Their Post Offices.

Breckenridge, R. A.	Meridian, Miss
David, W. J.	" "
Fail, W. E.	Chicora, "
Gressett, A.	Meridian, "
Hackett, J. A.	" "
Johnson, G. C.	" "
Jones, A. I.	DeSoto, "
Lowrey, A. G.	Meridian, "
Lowry, J. A. W.	Eucutta, "
Phillips, J. M.	Shubuta, "
Rogers, A. J.	" "
Ray, C. S.	Enterprise, "
Shamberger, R. H.	Gilead, "
Sumrall, R. W.	Shubuta, "
Steinwinder, J. R.	Meridian, "
Stone, L. M.	" "
Mason, H. C.	Tokio, "
Venable, R. A.	Meridian, "
West, W. Z.	Shubuta, "
Webb, H. H.	" "

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION.

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER	Members
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W D Northrup	F C McGehee	M E Norris	W D Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O D Bowen	"	F C McGehee	T J Walne	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line	O D Bowen	"	J P Seabrook	O D Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W D Northrup	"	F C McGehee	W B Crumpton	717
1880 " 3	Meridian	J W Bozeman	"	"	J M Phillips	634
1881 " 2	Quitman	W D Northrup	"	"	J W Bozeman	581
1882 " 22	Buckatunna	J M Phillips	"	"	W West	778
1883 " 28	Enterprise	J W Bozeman	"	"	W H Carroll	932
1884 " 26	Shubuta	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1013
1885 " 25	Ellisville	"	"	"	L M Stone	1054
1886 " 24	Quitman	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1339
1887 " 23	Heidelburg	"	W M Conner	W M Conner	L E Hall	1502
1888 " 21	Hattiesburg	S O Y Ray	"	"	T S Powell	1770
1889 " 27	Waynesboro	J W Bozeman	"	"	J B Gambrell	2018
1890 " 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J A Hackett	2350
1891 " 25	Meridian	"	"	"	G W Knight	2316
1892 " 22	Shubuta	"	O D Bowen	J P Meyer	J A Hackett	2426
1893 " 21	Sandersville	"	"	J F Parker	A V Rowe	2435
1894 " 20	Enterprise	"	"	"	C G Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L M Stone	J S Hardee	C F Woods	R A Venable	2336
1896 " 1	Mt. Gilead	"	"	J S Hardee	W J David	2281
1897 Nov. 27	Quitman	"	"	"	R A Venable	2233
1898 Sept. 24	South Side Merid	R A Venable	"	"	J A Hackett	2500
1899 " 23	Fairfield	"	"	"	R A Venable	2731

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report for 1899.

Sept. 26, 1898.

To cash from Finance Com. at Association....$ 98 95

Nov. 1898.

By check to A. V. Rowe	$46	55
By printing minutes	28	00
By clerk's fee	20	00
By cash on hand		90
By stamps, stationery, drayage, etc.	3	50
		$ 98 95

Financial Report for 1899.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

For contributions of each church see statistical table in back of minute.

Associational purposes	$ 48 15
State Missions	35 87
Home Missions	23 65
Foreign Missions	28 75
Mississippi College	5 00
Ministerial Education	1 45
Sustentation	27 70
Orphanage	7 85
Colportage	3 05
Total,	$181 47

By am't handed J. S. Hardee, Treasurer, . $181 47

W. H. PATTON,
R. M. BUCKLEY,
Com.

Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations beg to report as follows: We recommend that Stonewall be the next place of meeting for this body, and that said meeting be held on Saturday before the 4th Sunday n Sept., 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

We recommend that G. C. Johnson of Meridian be appointed to preach the Associational sermon and that it

be preached at 11 o'clock a. m., on that day. As alternate we recommend W. A. McCain of Meridian, Miss.

Your committee recommends the appointment of Edwin McMorries of Meridian, Miss., as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with G. L. Donald as alternate.

We further recommend that the following members be appointed to attend to any business that may come up between the sessions of the body.

W. H. PATTON, Ch'n,
C. C. DUNN,
J. A. HACKETT,
E. B. McRAVEN,
J. C. SPINKS.

Orphanage.

The Baptists have located, within one mile of the State Capital, an orphanage; a chartered institution under the control of a Board of Trustees; Bro. L. S. Foster, President and also Superintendent. The property consists of a track of one hundred and twelve acres of valuable land, upon which there is not a dollar of indebtedness. Its value has more than doubled since it was purchased; worth now $5,000.00 apart from all improvements. Besides this land, it owns two cottages with six rooms each, painted and furnished completely and insured for two years longer. These cottages are worth $3,000.00; furniture $500.00, a horse, wagon, buggy, plows, etc. $250. Total property worth $10,000.00.

Destitute white orphan children of Mississippi, without any regard to whatever may have been the religious faith of the parents, are received in this Home to the full extent of the room they have.

During the year closing, June 1st, 1899, there was an average of twenty-six children cared for in the Home. During the existence of the orphanage, about five years, the Home has received fifty children. Eighteen of these have been placed in private homes, and thirty-two are now in the orphanage. A central building of brick two stories high is needed, which will require six or seven thousand dollars. This money must be given by those whom the Lord has blessed with means. If the orphanage is to continue to grow, that central building is an imperative necessity.

The receipts since the 1st of February have fallen short of expenses $400.00. This has been borrowed by the Superintendent and his property is pledged for the same and he has asked the Trustees if half of the land

could be sold, which would now sell for the cost of the 112 acres. The part they can sell runs up to the railroad right-of-way, and in time they could have a switch and save immensely in drayage. Shall we not rally to this cause and relieve the present emergency and not sell the land? We request that some one in each church will get up a club for the Orphanage Gem. It is published monthly for 25cts. per annum. It would enthuse an interest in the children and older ones for the sustenance of the orphan.

We recommend that each Sunday-school become interested in caring for one of the children. It costs about $2.35 per month to feed and pay laundry bill, or $5.00 will pay the entire costs of maintaining one in the Home.

The Home looks to the denomination for a temporal support. Each secret society contributes to the Protestant Orphan Asylum from $250. to $500. annually. If each church in the State would remember the Baptist orphanage with a contribution annually, it could be sustained royally. We respectfully express our disapprobation of the practice of the Trustees of the Orphanage in permitting Sunday-Schools, churches, societies or individuals to undertake the support of any single child in the Home.

We furthermore suggest that our churches give a liberal contribution in support of this denominational institution.

W. H PATTON,
C. C. McNEIL,
W. B. HOOKS,
J. M. ROSS.

Woman's Work.

God had a special design in creating woman. She came to occupy a place and fulfill a mission which no other being could do. The need of such a being was felt before she came on the stage of action; for it seems that her creation was an after-thought with God, realizing as he did that his work of creation would be incomplete without the addition of such a being. "And the Lord God said it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help-meet for him."—Gen. 2:18 So, by the decree of Almighty God, woman's position in the world is a helper and not a leader. And since the days of Adam, even to our day, she has ever extended to man a helping hand in all the avocations of life. But while this is true, we would insist that woman's chief position and work is in the home; for the tenderness and love of

her nature specially qualifies her for this position above all others. The home is woman's throne.—Titus 2:4-5. However, in close relation to her place in the home, she has a position in the social realm which none other can fill. Her gifts of persuasion and gentleness have an endless radius of influence in the social circle. Indeed, there would be no social circle were it not for the refining influence of the Christian womanhood of our country. But the leading idea of this report was to speak of woman's work in the church. The Holy Scriptures have specified her sphere of usefulness, and even drawn the boundary lines of her work in the church. In this given sphere of work she has not been idle, but she has wrought a work for God which eternity alone can estimate.

The report on Woman's Work in the minutes of last conventional year shows an aggregate of $6,556.85, which they gave for the various objects fostered by our State Convention. And yet, with this good showing of work done by the women of our State, and the reports which have been read in this body, showing the good work done by them in the bounds of this Association during the past year, is it possible for them to claim the high praise of the Master—on the woman in Bethany—"She hath done what she could?—Mark 14:8. We would earnestly urge, and even insist that the number of workers be increased, for the work done in the State as shown above was done by the "faithful few." Many of the churches in the State, and some in this Association, have no "Ladies' Aid" Societies, and even those which have them are composed of only a small per cent. of said members.

The report does not plead so much for "societies"—as such—but for more of the good women in our churches to go to work in the name of Jesus, and for the salvation of lost souls.

I sometimes fear, brethren, that we, together with these true and noblehearted women, think too much about large figures in tabulated statements of work done, and not enough about the salvation of immortal souls. It is said of Andrew, "He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is—being interpreted—the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus."—John 1:41-42.

We would suggest and even recommend that the churches composing this Association send some female messenger with the male representation to the future

meetings of this body with a view to their holding missionary meetings.

G. C. JOHNSON,
A. J. ROGERS,
B. D. HOLLAND.

Sustentation.

Soon after the meeting of the last session of this Association, an appeal was sent to each pastor in the Association to present this cause to their charges and take up a collection and report the amounts collected to the chairman of the committee. The letters show that of the 33 churches composing this Association, five have remembered the indigent ministers and their families to amount of $15.70. The support of our aged and destitute ministers, and the widows and children of those that have been called up higher is a matter that should find a warm place in the hearts of our people, and to which we should contribute as liberally as we can, and as their needs require. Yet it is to be lamented, that few, comparatively, contribute to this cause anything at all. We are told in the Word that God is not unrighteous to forget the work and labor of love which his people have shown toward His name, and we surely should not be so unrighteous as to forget the work and labor of love of those servants of God, that have worn their lives out in the Master's service, in their hour of affliction and need. It is a fact, we will take care of a faithful servant in his old age, a faithful beast of burden or a dog when worn out, and allow some ministers who have been faithful in their calling, traveling thousands of miles through heat and cold, leaving their families for days and weeks in order that they might preach Christ to sinners, have come to want in old age and affliction; and it is also a fact that some of the very people whom these ministers have served by preaching to them, officiating at their marriage and that of their children, burying their dead, and comforting them in their bereavement and troubles, have not shown any disposition to render them their and families assistance. The minister is called upon to do a great deal of gratuitous work. He has a great deal of company, and many calls on his purse for contributions for charity, and he leads in the various collections to the various objects fostered by our denomination. If he takes up secular work in connection with his ministry his members would say he was neglecting his work. If he fails to preach and follow some lucrative occupation he is accused of being grasping.

The average church does not pay salaries sufficient to hardly live on comfortably, then how can the minister lay up for old age or for his family when he dies and leaves them on the cold charities of the world?

The government retires her employes occupying the higher positions at certain ages. Other denominations have a fund for their superannuated ministers and their families. I noticed in this week's paper where Mr. Julius Weis had given $25,000 to Touro Infirmary for the home for aged and infirm that is being erected in the rear of the Jewish hospital in New Orleans. Homes are being established by the various secret orders and Christian people all over the country. We need, and should build such a home on the grounds of the Orphanage at Jackson. But for the noble lives and self-sacrificing serqice of these old pioneers in the gospel, we would have been deprived of many privileges and blessings we now enjoy. Grateful to a beneficent God for the lives of these old brethren we ought to contribute freely to their ease and welfare in their declining years and look after their widows and orphans. We recommend that each pastor in this Association be requested to instruct his people from the pulpit as to their duty to this cause and take a private collection of twenty-five cents per capita from the entire membership in their charges, by selecting each one separately those able to give more than twenty-five cents will give enough to bring up the average and this will give a nucleus to build upon.

W. H. PATTON,
R. W. SUMRALL,
J. A. W. LOWRY.

Education.

Education is no longer confined to the cultivation of the mental faculties only. No one can be truthfully called educated until he or she has cultivated the moral or spiritual along with the intellectual faculties.

This being the basis upon which a true education is laid, it behooves us as Baptists to see that our sons and daughters are placed only in such schools where the Bible is part of the work and as the Baptists have such schools, it is imperative that we send to our own schools where they may be taught the truth as it is in God's word and not be exposed to influences other than that which will strengthen their faith.

Many Baptist people are apparently utterly indifferent to this most important matter. The result is that many

children grow into manhood and womanhood with no convictions of their own, and easily drop out of Baptist ranks. We are glad to note the deep interest on the part of our parents in the education of their sons and daughters, and as success in college depends largely upon a thorough common school training, and as many of our boys and girls never enter college, we insist that our people strive to raise the standard of our common schools. As to ministerial education, we would say that while we believe in an educated ministry, yet we would like to insert a caution about the manner pursued to attain this object. We do not think that the Baptist churches should place means in the hands of a young man and say to him "Here are the means, use them to fit yourself to preach," but we believe that the proper method would be to place our young men, who are seeking ministerial training, where they can pay their way through schools and colleges. Self-reliance is the great need of our ministers and this method would instil them with this more than anything else.

Educate by all means, but educate for usefulness and not for lethargic views of living.

Educate boys with the idea that instead of making life an easy road that an education makes them more competent to do great work in the world for God. We take pleasure in commending to the young ministers of this Association Mississippi College for thorough preparation and then the Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for Bible study and the course of lectures given by Dr. Venable each year in Meridian, and hope many of them will see fit to take advantage of these rare treats.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McCAIN,
T. G. PIGFORD,
J. L. GRUNDY,

Colportage.

We would that our people understood and appreciated the true import of Colportage work. After the preaching of the gospel by the divinely called minister of the Word, there is nothing more intensely missionary than the circulation of suitable religious literature. It is like the light of the sun, it makes its way into the darkest recesses of the earth's spiritual ignorance, shedding a most salutary light; and not unlike the light itself, it produces directly and indirectly wonderful and whole-

some changes. The preacher goes among the people, delivers his sermon, speaks with them at the church and in their homes and goes away and lo! most of what he has said is straightway forgotten. But the Colporter comes among them, preaches it may be and talks, but possibly best of all he leaves the Blessed Book and many other valuable presentations of loving truth in other books, papers and tracts, which remain in their homes, on their tables in their homes to teach and bless them long after he has gone to other fields to help other people. In our opinion, to supplement our ministerial work by this far-reaching and effective method is next to the best thing we can do to give the gospel to the masses and the destitute.

But we doubt if Colportage work ought ever to be separated strictly from missionary work. The profit from the sale of books, especially in such times as will never support the work. We ought to take a new departure in this good work at least. We should put it on a strict business basis and learn at once to regard it as a self-supporting enterprise. We should provide a fund sufficient to procure all needed books which should be kept strictly for that purpose and then provide for the support of the Colporter just as we do for the missionary. When we do this, even though it be at the cost of some of our precious things and requiring no little self-denial and sacrifice we shall realize the truth of the Psalmist, saying "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seeds will doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

We would recommend to our State Board the advisability of sustaining from two to four well equipped and industrious Colporters in as many sections of our State to be reckoned and supported, the same as are other Missionaries; that they be furnished with literature for the trade, to be sold, if possible, at a small advance on the cost and that any profit arising from such sale be applied to the purchase of other literature to increase the stock and for free distribution amongst the poor and needy. We further recommend, that the churches of the Association be requested to take subscriptions for the purpose of pledging certain definite amounts to the support of Colportage in the Associational limits for the ensuing year, and that the action of the churches regarding amounts pledged and time of payment be communicated to the chairman of the Executive Committee.

We further recommend that we regard the Colportage work an imperative necessity and must not be neglected.

J. A. HACKETT,
J. B. WALTHALL,
J. M. BEARD.

Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., of which Dr. R. J. Willingham is the secretary, has under appointment missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. The first three are among the Pagan nations, the last three among the Roman Catholics. In China they have 14 churches, 24 out stations, church members, 1792; pupils, 870; missionaries, 43, native helpers, 45. In Africa there are 6 missionaries, 10 native helpers, 6 out stations, 341 members, 211 Sunday-school pupils, 7 houses of worship and 4 day schools, with 140 pupils. In Japan, there are 7 missionaries and about 100 members.

Italy has 20 native workers under the direction of Dr. Taylor, 22 churches, 21 out stations, 38 baptisms last year, 518 church members, 255 Sunday-school pupils.

Brazil has 18 missionaries, 17 native helpers, 23 churches, 30 out stations, 5 houses of worship, 1524 members.

Our work in Mexico is divided into two missions, the 22 degree of latitude being the dividing line. The North Mexican Mission has in it the following missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Watkins, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Cheavens, at Torreon; Miss Sarah Hale and Miss Addie Barton, at Saltillo. There are 5 ordained native preachers and 8 unordained helpers; 21 churches, 20 out-stations, 13 houses of worship; 872 members; 200 Sunday-school scholars. South Mexican Mission—Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Chastain, at Morelia; Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Mahon, at Toluca; 4 ordained native preachers, 2 unordained helpers; 5 churches, 3 houses of worship, 219 members, 165 Sunday-school scolars. For the present the Doctor Arroyo work is connected with the South Mexican Mission, though north of the dividing line.

Last year Mississippi gave $5,839.91. We are asked to give the sum of $8,000.00 for this conventional year. It is sincerely hoped that our churches in this Association will cheerfully raise the amounts assigned them. We urge upon our pastors to preach upon the subject of Foreign Missions at least once a year. We insist upon an effort being made by our pastors and the deacons of

our churches to get clubs for the Foreign Mission Journal. In clubs of ten only 25cts per annum. We urge our ladies to send to Mrs. W. R. Woods, Secretary of the Woman's Central Committee at Meridian, for missionary literature on the subject of Foreign Missions.

This literature can be had for the asking. There is no lack of sources of information. Let us see that there is no neglect in procuring and reading this literature.

J. L. GRUNDY,
D. W. SINCLAIR,
J. M. MORRIS.
R. F. CRAWFORD.

Temperance.

Temperance is one of the great problems confronting us at the threshold of the Twentieth century. Its importance can hardly be overestimated, and should give to all denominations of Christians and other organizations having for their end the physical, civil, moral and spiritual elevation of man's great concern. All manner of intemperance is hurtful to the best interest of individual society, the church and the government. This being true it becomes the imperative duty of those professing the name of Christ as well as the obligation of society, the church and the government to combat its influence and to employ all legitimate means for the eradication of its sources. We indict the traffic in intoxicating liquors, whether legalized by the forms of law or in violation thereof as being one of the great, we may say, chief sources of the evil of intemperance and one of the most potential forces in operation for its encouragement and propagation. We insist,

First: That the church should combat the traffic because its use destroys the soul.

Second: That society organized or unorganized should resist it because it destroys good morals and begets vagabonds.

Third: That the State should prohibit its traffic in any form, because it breeds pauperism, insanity, crime and degenerate citizenship. We protest against the worldly commercialism which insists that the State should legalize this enemy to the best interest of citizenship, as a matter of expediency or on economic grounds. But on the contrary affirm that it is the duty of the State to employ its strong arm in the protection of its citizens from any and all influences which tend to weaken and degenerate the morals instead of lending its hand under

the pretense of expediency to the propagation of such influences as destroy good citizenship.

We confess that the State can do nothing more than to prohibit and restrain the traffic in liquors by statutory enactment or constitutional amendment and affirm that it should do this, but the complete overthrow of this great evil depends at last upon a dominant moral sentiment which must be inculcated in the individual and we therefore submit that it is the duty of all christians to condemn and discourage the use of intoxicants in any form and for the pulpit especially to thunder Jehova's threats against the gigantic evil.

We recommend that the following protest be re-affirmed:

1st. Against that policy of our national government known as the Federal Tax of Intoxicating Liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2nd. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal Privilege Tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

We also recommend that the following resolutions be re-affirmed:

1st. That the sense of this Associrtion is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whiskey petitions, go on bonds of whiskey sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a christian and should be brought under church discipline.

2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

C. C. DUNN,
C. S. RAY,
J. D. MARTIN.

Publications.

Your committee respectfully report that Brother J. L. Buckley, the appointee of the Association last year, has written carefully upon this subject and we make copious extracts from his letter with a few additional amendments thereto as follows:

Our Baptist people should be encouraged to read christian literature, but in order to meet this need they should be presented with something worth reading and it should be from the pens of Mississippi Baptists. We are proud

to say that we have within our fold in Mississippi as fine intellects as can be found in the world and some of our State's best writers and thinkers are giving us some good sound productions for our enlightenment.

Our ministers should encourage their flocks to read more and post themselves by this means, and we would soon be more capable of meeting and demolishing the arguments of Pedobaptists at any and all times. We will only call special attention to the Baptist Layman's Hand Book, by our learned brother, Dr. R. A. Venable. but will again urge the pastors to prevail upon their members to read from the pen of Mississippians and other good authors and thereby wake up from their lethargy and post themselves on Baptist doctrines.

We have in our State a splendid periodical, namely, "The Baptist," published at Jackson. It is young in years, but like the Grecian Godess Minerva. it sprung into being in full maturity. It is well edited and has been very readable since its first publication and we trust that it will continue to come up to the standard. Every Baptist should lend a helping hand to its success by subscribing for it and paying his subscription.

We think the management of "The Baptist" should encourage its Mississippi representatives in foreign fields to send in letters of their doings more frequently; these letters would be entertaining as well as beneficial to readers from an educational standpoint.

We commend the "Orphanage Gem" to our people for the reason it is entertaining to the young as well as old and should be read to the children around every Baptist fireside. Thus it would result in our orphans at Jackson getting hundreds of dollars which otherwise would never reach them.

We also recommend the "Home Field," the "Foreign Mission Journal" and the "Convention Series of Sunday Schools" and other publications, together with the excellent works of the American Baptist Publication Society.

In conclusion we will say do not let other literature supercede the Bible, but let us read it constantly and look to it as being the bright star which is our guide to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

Home and State Missions.

While the field is the world, yet the subject of Missions is usually discussed as State, Home and Foreign. This report refers to the two first mentioned.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces many destitute sections in the Southern States, the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. About $84,000 were expended for Mission work on these fields by Southern Baptists during the past conventional year; the Baptists of Mississippi contributing something over $3,000 of this amount.

There were 653 missionaries employed, whose labors resulted in 6,552 baptisms, in organizing 194 churches and 512 Sunday schools, in building 92 houses of worship and in distributing 17,000 Bibles and Testaments.

While this is a good showing, yet much more could have been done. There are many who say "we believe in Home Missions, but not in Foreign Missions." Yet, when the subject of Home Missions is presented, there are many of this class who refuse to contribute. If all professed Missionary Baptists would live up to their profession, and give to this cause according as they are prospered, it would not be long until "the wilderness and the solitary place would be glad, and the desert would rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is striving to give the gospel to the Foreign population that is coming in upon us like a flood from every nation under Heaven. They are endeavoring to evangelize the red man of the west, the colored man of the south, and the untutored inhabitants of the mountain regions of our country, besides the great work they have undertaken to do in the Island of Cuba. It is a work that should have the sympathy and support of all our people.

State Missions.

This is a work that is being carried on within the borders of our own State. For over a quarter of a century our Convention has been endeavoring through its missionaries to preach the gospel to the destitute on our sea-coast, in the Mississippi Valley, and in many other sections of the State. While the difficulties have been great and the discouragements many, yet the success has been phenominal. During the past Conventional year there have been 73 missionaries under appointment who have supplied 110 stations, preached 2900

sermons, attended 200 prayer-meetings, visited 5,000 families, received into the churches 831 converts, organized 4 churches and 14 Sunday schools, distributed 200 Bibles and New Testaments, and 5,000 pages of tracts, sold Bibles and books valued at $500., and collected for State, Home and Foreign Missions, for building and repairing church houses, and for other purposes, altogether about $75.00.

This is a work that should appeal very forcibly to every lover of the truth within our borders. Not only has a great work been accomplished throughout the State at large, but much has been done within the bounds of our own Association. In Meridian, at Stonewall, and other places our cause has been aided and encouraged by the Convention Board.

We would respectfully recommend that our people strive to do more for this work during the coming year than ever before.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Ch'n.
H. C. MASON,
J. L. QUINNELLEY.

Sunday-Schools.

It is no longer a question whether we should have Sunday-schools or not. We have them, but the question is, what kind? If not in connection with our churches, they are under the direction of Satan. His schools are held at the street corners, or the post-offices in our towns and in the groves, or by the creeks in the country.

Many of our churches are too careless about this matter. They fail to recognize the importance of the subject, and pastors do not press the responsibility of parents to show their interest in the work by personal attention. It is not the simple duty of sending their children to Sunday School, but encouraging them by coming themselves. Teachers are really needed—faithful teachers; teachers that teach both by word and example, and who can say as they go forward "this is the way, walk ye in it." We need teachers who will not be discouraged; but be satisfied to repeat "Line upon line, and precept upon precept," and not "despise the day of small things."

Baptist Sunday Schools should not forget the "old paths," the direct use of the Bible, and the old songs of Zion. Our young people ought to be indoctrinated, for not a few who are gathered into our churches do not know what they believe—cannot "give a reason of the hope that is in them." Hence they sometimes drift into the idea that "one church is as good as another." It is wrong to give away what does not belong to us—better bear the false charge of illiberality, bigotry, narrowness. What God commands it is our duty to do exactly as it is written, and in "all things according as it was shown in the mount;" as in building the tabernacle.

We recommend the use of the Convention series of Sunday School literature, and for library and other books, the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society. Let us not depart from patronizing our own organizations because something that will do is offered cheaper. It will not do, for it will be found tainted with hearsy.

We earnes ly recommend the organization of Sunday School Teachers' meetings, to be held once a week, under the charge of the Superintendent or some other competent member appointed by the churches.

COMMITTEE.

Digest of Letters.

Buckatunna: Reports 7 baptized; no increase. Have built a church, worth $1000; paid pastor W. J. David $175.; $30.08 other contributions. Have Sunday School but no other organization.

Clear Creek: Reports a net loss of 21 members; no Sunday School, no other organizations. Pastor W. Z. West.

Chicora: Reports one baptism but a net loss of four. Union Sunday School; no other organizations. Pastor T. E. Tucker, $126. Total contribution $33.

Concord: Reports a net loss of nine. Has a Sunday School; no other organization. Pastor H. H. Webb, $65, other contributions $19.20.

DeSoto: Reports two baptized; net loss of two members. Pastor A. G. Lowry, $70. Other contributions———Has Sunday School; no other organization.

Enterprise: Reports net loss of one. Pastor J. A. Hackett, $200. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions $128.20.

Fairfield: Reports net loss of four members. Pastor G. W. Knight, $120. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $158.25.

Fairmount: Report net loss four. Pastor W. J. West $36, Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $9 60.

Forty-First Avenue: Reports 11 by baptism, and net gain six. Pastor W. A. McCain, $600. Sunday School; Ladies Aid Society, and Sunbeams. Other contributions $2 26 besides Missionary Soc. $92.25 and Sunday School $35. Value church property $2,500.

Fifteenth Avenue: Reports three baptized and net loss of eight members. Pastor, G. C. Johnson, $600. Sunday School and Women's Missionary Society. Other contributions, $109.89. Aid Society, $104.90. Sunday School, 39.45.

Harmony: Reports one baptized; net loss three. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, $45. Sunday, Ladies' Missionary Society. Other contributions, $55. Missionary Society $2.50.

Hepzibah: Reports one baptism; net loss four. Pastor, A. J. Rogers, $75. Sunday School. No other organization. Other contributions, $6.25.

Meridian First: Reports twenty baptized; net gain 52. Pastor, R. A. Venable, $1,500. Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Societies, Juvenile Societies, Etc. Other contributions, $1,377.69. Value of property, $50,000.

Mt. Zion: Reports one baptized; net gain three. Pastor, T. E. Tucker, $100. No Sunday School nor Missionary Society. Other contributions, $34.51.

Mt. Gilead: Reports five baptized; net loss nine. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, $150. Sunday School; no other organizations. Other contributions, $25.50.

Narkeeta: Reported dissolved.

New Hope: Reports net loss three. Pastor, H. M. Mason, $50. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $6.00.

Oak Grove: Reports net gain of one Pastor, H. A. Pickard, $60. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $10.15.

Pleasant Grove: Reports one baptized; net gain one. Pastor, W. A. Roper, $55. No Sunday School or other organization. Other contributions, $14.

Pachuta: Reports four baptized; net loss four. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, $150. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $115.40.

Poplar Springs: Reports three baptized; net gain five. Pastor, G. C. Johnson, $72. Union Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $7.

Quitman: Reports two baptized; net gain three. Pastor, G. W. Knight, $180. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $52.45.

Waynesboro, Salem: Reports twelve baptisms; net gain fourteen. Pastor, W. J. David, $150. Sunday School; no other organization. Other contributions, $24.50.

Shubuta: Reports one baptized; net loss six. Pastor, A. J. Rogers, $275. Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society. Other contributions, $173.46. Sunday School, $26.04. Two Mission Sunday Schools.

Stonewall: Reports three baptized; net gain four. Pastor, W. J. David, $200. Sunday School and Ladies' Missionary Society. Other contributions, $5.

South Side: Reports a light decrease. R. A. Venable, supply.

Barnett, Big Creek, Highlands, Lauderdale, Narkeeta, Seventh Avenue, State Line and Vosburg not represented.

Of the twenty-five churches represented only two are without Sunday Schools. Only ten report net gain. Fourteen loss. Two are reported dissolved—Narkeeta and Vosburg. Gross gain in twenty-five churches is only seven. Big Creek has not been represented since 1895, and the same is the case with Lauderdale. Many, but not all, report regular prayer meetings.

COMMITTEE.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth and the cultivation of friendly intercouse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first-class only have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitle to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty and an additional delegate for each fifty thereafter, provided that ministers who are members of and such churches but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisary council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be consigned by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, or may be agreed upon; and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberate bodies, and Mill's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adoptod by this body may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by a concurrance of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alternation or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately proceeding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2nd. We believe that the Scripture of the Old Testament and New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God chose his people, in Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6th. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justfication; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8th. We believe in the ressurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only who have convenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testiment.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal right therein.

11th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordiance of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12th. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13th. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed with prayer or benediction.

2nd. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3rd. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4th. It shall be in order for male delegates and messangers only to discuss questions or speak publicly in the sessions of the body, and only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5th. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under dsscussion, or uses personal reflection.

6th. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7th. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8th. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9th. Members shall use the term, brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.

10th. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

CHURCHS.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	
*Barnett	Barnett			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	....	....	$..
**Big Creek	Waynesboro.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	....	....	..
Buckatunna	Buckatunna.	W. J. David	T. J. Johnson	7	5	1	2	10	1	..	84	25	6	1
Clear Creek	Shubuta	W. Z. West	J. R. West	..	..	..	..	7	..	14	40	....	....	..
Chicora	Chicora.	T. E. Tucker	E. B. Hall	1	2	..	..	6	1	..	47	....	....	1
Concord	Shubuta	H. H. Webb	A. L. Robinson	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	54	40	....	†
Desoto	DeSoto	A. G. Lowry	Geo. B. Parker	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	58	43	5	
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett	H. R. Ward	..	3	1	..	1	2	..	70	65	6	2
Fairfield	Eucutta	G. W. Knight	T. J. Woodward	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	101	40	4	1
Fairmount	Shubuta	W. Z. West	H. A Chapman	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	70	25	6	
Fifteenth Avenue	Meridian	G. C. Johnson	J. B. Walthall	3	13	..	..	23	1	..	223	125	12	6
Forty-first Avenue	"	W. A. McCain	C. E. Roberts	11	6	..	..	11	..	..	123	133	10	6
Harmony	Crane	J. A. Hackett	D. R. Red, Jr.	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	46	60	6	
Hepzibah	Shubuta	A. J. Rogers	Albert Rogers	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	43	25	4	
**Lauderdale	Lauderdale			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	....	....	..
Meridian	Meridian	R. A. Venable	V. L. Crawford	20	32	..	..	..	..	..	460	295	26	15
Mount Zion	Winchester	T. E. Tucker	C. D. Ogynne	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	71	....	....	1
Mount Gilead	Gilead	J. A. Hackett	W. H. Ross	5	..	..	13	..	1	..	180	25	3	1
New Hope	Tokio	H. M. Mason	F. M. Gray	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	32	....	....	
Oak Grove	Shubuta	H. A. Pickard	J. Sumrall	..	8	..	..	4	3	..	59	40	5	
Pleasant Grove	Vossburg	W. A. Roper	J. C. McDonald	1	..	3	2	1	..	..	66	....	....	
Pachuta	Pachuta	J. A. Hackett	J. H. Rogers	4	2	..	..	9	1	..	89	49	7	1
Poplar Springs	Lucile	G. C. Johnson	R. F. Gartin	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	33	60	8	
Quitman	Quitman	G. W. Knight	G. L. Donald	2	6	..	..	5	..	..	47	....	5	
Salem, or Waynesboro	Waynesboro.	W. J. David	W. M. McAllister	12	9	..	2	5	..	..	181	....	....	
Shubuta	Shubuta	A. J. Rogers	J. F. Brown	1	2	1	..	8	1	1	61	65	8	2
*Seventh Avenue	Meridian	J. R. Farish		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	....	....	
Stonewall	Stonewall	W. J. David	H. D. Ivy	3	14	..	1	12	1	..	172	125	8	
§South Side	Meridian			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	....	....	
*State Line	State Line	G. W. Knight		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	....	....	
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Shubuta sent up $7.50 for colportage which goes down in the Home Missions column. * Not represented delegate. † For four months. ‡ For general Missions.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Letter.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Education.	Sustentation.	Orphanage.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenssses.	Miscellaneous.	Associational Purposes.	Total.
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